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1. The Luftkriegsschule in Dresden-Klotzsche (N 52/F 29) consists of a number of permanent three and four-story buildings scattered through a woods. A new wooden garage with a capacity of about 20 trucks had been erected. The billeting area has been extended so as to include a street with settlement houses of the village of Weixdorf. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] an NVA and an air force unit were located in the barracks installation, which seemed to be occupied to capacity between 12 and 19 December 1950. Units in company strength and with red-bordered green epaulets were observed in firing and combat drill near the installation. On 14 December 1950, about 150 men wearing red-bordered green epaulets and equipped with four heavy machine guns on wheeled mounts were seen marching out.

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2. The Hermann Goering Kaserne east of Koenigskrueckerstrasse consists of several three-story buildings and large garages. A new wooden garage was under construction. An undetermined number of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were quartered in the installation. Recruits were said to have arrived in early December 1950. The installation seemed to be occupied to capacity. All the visible windows were lighted at nightfall. Training was not observed. From the fact that about 15 vehicles covered with tarpaulins were seen in front of the garages, [REDACTED] those garages were occupied to capacity.

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3. The former Nationalpolitische Erziehungsanstalt on Koenigsbrueckerstrasse in Dresden-Klotzsche consists of a number of two-story buildings in a woods. The branch of service and strength of the unit stationed there could not be determined. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen. All the visible windows were lighted at dusk. Training could not be observed, since the billeting area is blocked to view from the outside.

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[redacted] the Radeberg area was not occupied.

4. A hospital was located in the Polizei Kaserne and the Festspielhaus (festival hall) of Hellerau near Dresden.

5. The morning of 3 January 1951, a military band was playing in front of the main building of the Flak Kaserne at Nickern. About 500 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the PK building of the installation at 9 a.m. [redacted] each occupied by 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets without insignia, left the installation and headed for Lockwitz. Shortly afterward truck [redacted] left the installation toward Dresden. A major who was seen passing through the gate was identified as Major Pitrovich (fmu) (phonetic spelling), the deputy commander of the unit. Colonel Bagnoni (fmu) was reported to be the commanding officer of the unit stationed at the installation.

6. The Nachrichtenkaserne in Uebigau quartered soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets. Only individual soldiers were seen in the yard of the installation on 3 January 1951. Twelve soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were seen removing the bark from logs, 4 meters long and about 30 cm in diameter, at the north-western corner of the billeting area. Motor vehicles were not seen.

7. The SS Kaserne at Wilder Mann quartered soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank and some with motor transport insignia. A worker said that about 600 tank soldiers who practiced with light tanks and heavy tanks were quartered in the installation. Allegedly only the training tanks were kept at the installation, while the other tanks were at Koenigsbrueck.

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[redacted] Comments.

(1) The information shows that the Luftkriegsschule still quartered an LVD unit. [redacted] An air force unit was also there in November 1949.

(2) [redacted] a unit of the 11th Gds Tank Div is believed to be quartered in the Hermann Goering Kaserne.

(3) [redacted]

(4) A tank regiment is believed to be located in the SS Kaserne, but it seems doubtful that the majority of the regiment's tanks should be at Koenigsbrueck.

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